TO the Chairman and Members of the

ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1920.

The population (Census 1911) was 4,689 estimated for 1920 by the Registrar General for the purposes of death rate and birth rate 5,125.

The District is situated on the Southern slope of the Calder Valley and has an area of 1,838 acres. The boundary on the North and West is formed by the River Calder, on the South and East by the Ashfield and Choke Churl becks. The highest point, 175 feet above sea level, is situated about a mile from the Western end of the District and the lowest, 50 feet above sea level, at the extreme Eastern end.

Several coal seams run through the District the working of which has and is causing continued subsidence resulting in damage to buildings, drains, waterpipes etc. The inhabitants are chiefly employed in coal mining, railway and agricultural work. Unemployment is rare and very little poor law relief is necessary. The interest in the cultivation of allotments is well maintained

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The District is situated on the Southern slope of the Calder Valley and has an area of 1,833 acres. The boundary on the North and West is formed by the River Calder, on the South and East by the Ashfield and Clarke Court beeks. The highest point, 775 feet above sea level, is situated about a mile from the Western end of the District and the lowest, 50 feet above sea level, at the extreme Eastern end.

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Drainage and sewerage are adequate.

Privies with open middens number 38. Pail or Tub closets 16. Privies with covered middens 578 Water Closets 407. Waste water Closets 14. Number of Privies converted into Water Closets during the year 9. Refuse is disposed of by tipping. The provision of covered-in-carts for the conveyance of midden and bin contents would be an improvement on the present system.

The Milk supply for the District has been ample. The general condition of the Cow-sheds is moderate.

Slaughter houses number 4 and are out of date.

No prosecutions took place under the Food and Drugs Act. One fore quarter of beef weighing 205 lbs was surrendered.

The Elementary Schools were visited on many occasions. The Colliery Infants School was closed from February 21st to March 8th and infants under five excluded from the Lee Brig and National Schools owing to an outbreak of Measles. The number of cases could not be ascertained owing to the abolition of notification.

During the year 27 cases of Scarlet Fever were reported, 24 being sent to Hospital. Diphtheria 2, both sent to Hospital. Erysipelas 5. Puerperal Fever 1. Lobar and Broncho Pneumonia 27. Pulmonary Tuberculosis 9. Other forms of Tuberculosis 8. Ophthalmia Neonatorum 1.

The provision of a certified Midwife in addition to a District Nurse has been a great boon to the community.

During the year 2,940 General Nursing visits were paid and casual visits 233. Under Notifications of Births 128 visits were paid also 1,749 health visits and 81 prenatal visits. Schools were visited on 37 occasions and 245 visits paid to children at home.

The total number of deaths registered in the District was 46. Six were transferred to other districts and two were transferred from other districts to Altofts, making a net total of 42 and a death rate of 8·19. The death rate for England and Wales for the same period was 12·4.

The number of births for the year was 122 including 3 illegitimates, boys numbered 69 girls 53 making a birth rate of 23·8. The rate for England and Wales for the same period was 25·4. There were 11 deaths of infants under one year. Causes :- Premature Births, lived 2 days and 19 hours respectively. Malnutrition 1,lived 17 days. Measles 1. Scarlet Fever 1. Broncho Pneumonia 2. Diarrhoea 2. Tuberculous Meningitis 1. Meningitis 1. The death rate per 1,000 births was 90.1 as compared with 40·3 in 1919. The rate for England and Wales during 1920 was 80.

Malignant Disease caused 3 deaths. Tuberculous and other forms of meningitis 4. Organic Heart Disease 3. Pneumonia all forms 7, Pulmonary Tuberculosis 3. Bronchitis 3. Cirrhosis of Liver 1. Suicide 1. Other defined diseases 11.

I am,

Yours faithfully

H. SCHOLEFIELD.

ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,

Altofts,

Nr Normanton.

26th April 1921.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

for

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1920.

TO the Chairman and Members of the
Altofts Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report of the work carried out in the Sanitary Department for the year ended 31st December 1920.

There has been an improvement this year, over the several preceding years, in the carrying out of necessary repairs to cottage - properties.

NUISANCES :

A number of Nuisances were found and dealt with during the year.

There were three unabated nuisances in hand at the close of 1919 and 110 nuisances were found in 1920 making a total of 113. Of this number 107 were abated leaving 6 in hand at the close of the year.

The following summary describes the nature of the

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said nuisances.

Water in cellars	3
Choked Drains	38
Defective roofs	13
Defective drainage	7
Foul privy middens	4
Untrapped drains	2
Defective spouting	5
Unsound Food	1
Miscellaneous	37

Most of the above mentioned nuisances were abated without having to compel the abatement by legal notices, but in seven cases Statutory Notices had to be served.

UNSOUND FOOD.

One fore quarter of Beef weighing 305 lbs was condemned as being unfit for human food.

PRIVIES.

Nine foul privies and 5 privy middens have been abolished and 9 Water Closets provided to replace same, viz :-

2 W. Cs at Poplar Inn, Church Road.

1 W. C at Poplar Cottage, Albert Terrace.

3 W. Cs at Prospect Inn, Albert Terrace and new Urinal in lieu of old one

1 W. C at late C.Hawkin's Farm, Church Road.

2 W. Cs at Carrington's Farm, Birkwood Road.

COWSHEDS, SLAUGHTER HOUSES and BAKEHOUSES.

These premises have been visited and most of the premises were found to be kept in a cleanly state.

The Slaughter houses in use are old, but are kept in a clean condition.

The shortage of milk prevailing at the close of the previous year, appears to have been overcome and there is a sufficient supply to meet the ordinary needs of the district at the present time.

SCAVENGING:

The whole of the refuse of the District has been disposed of by tipping upon land.

The total number of loads removed was 2710 as compared with 2517 loads last year.

1344 loads have been deposited upon land belonging to Farms in various parts of the District for agricultural purposes and 1366 loads deposited at the tip in Lock Lane.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

The Gas Engine has worked very satisfactorily since it was overhauled by the Makers.

The surface of the filters have been kept cleaned, but the wooden distributing troughs got displaced owing to the heavy rains which entirely submerged the large filter and caused the beck to rise and flood the land.

The land has been used with advantage during the year and it has helped the filters considerably.

A fair effluent has been maintained at these works during the year.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT.

During the year 124 houses were inspected.

Most of the houses were in a fair condition and repair and kept in a clean state

Where sanitary defects were found the owners were requested to have them remedied.

HOUSING TOWN PLANNING etc ACT.

Four houses were inspected two of which were satisfactory and two with defects requiring attention.

The Council's Housing Scheme is making very slow progress, owing to delays caused by the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry has approved the lay out, types and plans for 39 Parlour houses - 33 with 3 bedrooms and 6 with 4 bedrooms - on the Calverley Green site, but the scheme is being delayed owing to the Ministry of Health refusing to agree to the prices submitted by the Contractors as they considered the Tenders too high on both occasions and further Tenders are to be obtained.

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Yours faithfully.

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HOUSING (NO. 2) REGULATION ACT.

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